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Governor Musgrove Speaks at Community Leaders Forum

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(Jackson, MS) – The state's investments in education and jobs are key to growing Mississippi, Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today. Musgrove was the keynote speaker today at the Nucor Mississippi Community Leaders Forum. Nucor Steel acquired its recycling facility in Rankin County in December 2002.

"We are proud to have Nucor as a partner in growing Mississippi," Musgrove said. "Their corporate history clearly demonstrates their commitment to their employees and the communities they serve."

Nucor Steel is the largest steel recycler in the nation, with operations in 14 states. The Rankin County plant is expected to generate more than \$200 million in annual expenditures in the state. Currently, 225 people are employed at the facility.

Nucor is known for its support of environmentally-friendly recycling processes and education. Children of Nucor employees are eligible for a \$2,500 per year scholarship for college or vocational school, and more than \$25 million in scholarships has been awarded.

Musgrove also proclaimed today as "Nucor Appreciation Day" in the state.